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Elections, nominations and confirmations

Appointment of members of the Committee for Development Policy

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1079 (XXIX), 1625 (LI), 1998/46 and 1998/47 and decision 1995/215, the Secretary-General has the honour to nominate the 24 experts whose names and titles are listed below for appointment, in their personal capacity, as members of the Committee for Development Policy for a term beginning on 1 January 2001 and expiring on 31 December 2003 (see annex I).

2. In order to select nominees, a shortlist of candidates was prepared and each potential candidate was asked to confirm his or her willingness to serve. Such enquiries were made by telephone, by email, by facsimile and by mail, depending on the availability of the necessary contact information. In most cases, such enquiries were made by more than one means and every effort was made to verify that the enquiry had been received. In the absence of a response, at least one follow-up enquiry was made. The pattern of responses to these enquiries are reflected in the table below.

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Responses to invitations to serve on the Committee

	Female	*Male*
Invited	33	22
Accepted	14	18
Declined	3	0
No reply	16	4

Note: A number of those who had indicated a willingness to serve on the Committee could not be included in the final recommended list of nominees either because a subsequent development made them ineligible or because of the need to achieve balance among regions, among areas of expertise and across gender.

3. In making these nominations, the Secretary-General has taken into account the Committee's need to have diversity of development experience comprising ecologists, economists and social scientists, as well as geographical balance, gender balance and a balance between continuity and change in the membership of the Committee. Biographical information on the persons nominated is set out in annex II.

Annex I

Nominees for appointment to the Committee for Development Policy

N'Dri Thérèse **Assié-Lumumba** (Côte d'Ivoire) — Research Associate, Université de Cocody.

Lourdes **Benería** (United States of America) — Professor of City and Regional Planning, Cornell University.

Albert **Binger** (Jamaica) — Director of the Centre for Environment and Development, University of the West Indies.

Olav **Bjerkholt** (Norway) — Professor of Economics, University of Oslo.

*Eugenio B. **Figueroa** (Chile) — Director of the Centre of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Chile.

*Shangquan **Gao** (China) — Professor of Economics, Beijing University and Shanghai Jiaotong University.

*Leonid M. **Grigoriev** (Russian Federation) — Director-General, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Moscow.

*Patrick **Guillaumont** (France) — Director, Centre for Study and Research for International Development, University of Clermont-Ferrand.

*Ryokichi **Hirono** (Japan) — Professor of Economics, Teikyo University and Seikei University.

*Louka T. **Katseli** (Greece) — Professor of Economics, University of Athens.

Marju **Lauristin** (Estonia) — Professor of Media and Communication, University of Tartu.

Mona **Makran-Ebeid** (Egypt) — Professor of Political Science and Political Sociology, the American University in Cairo.

*P. Jayendra **Nayak** (India) — Chairman and Managing Director of Unit Trust of India (UTI) Bank, Mumbai.

*Mari Elka **Pangestu** (Indonesia) — Professor of Economics, University of Indonesia.

*Milivoje **Panić** (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) — Fellow of Selwyn College, University of Cambridge.

*Eul Yong **Park** (Republic of Korea) — Professor of Economics and Management, Handong University.

Suchitra **Punyaratabundhu** (Thailand) — Director of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme in Development Administration, National Institute of Public Administration, Bangkok.

* Nominated for reappointment as a member of the Committee.

Delphin G. **Rwegasira** (United Republic of Tanzania) — Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium, Nairobi.

Sylvia **Saborio** (Costa Rica) — Development Consultant and Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University.

Nasser Hassan **Saidi** (Lebanon) — First Vice-Governor of Banque du Liban.

*Udo Ernst **Simonis** (Germany) — Distinguished Research Professor of Berlin Science Centre.

*Ruben **Tansini** (Uruguay) — Professor of Industrial Organization and Microeconomics, University of Uruguay.

Funmi **Togonu-Bickersteth** (Nigeria) — Acting Head of Department of Psychology, Obafemi Awolo University.

Dorothéa **Werneck** (Brazil) — Executive Director of the Brazilian Export Promotion Agency.

* Nominated for reappointment as a member of the Committee.

Annex II

Biographical information on the nominees for appointment to the Committee for Development Policy

N'Dri Thérèse Assié-Lumumba (Côte d'Ivoire) — Research Associate of Université de Cocody, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; Associate Director of CEPARRED (Centre Panafricain d' Études et de Recherches en Relations Internationales et en Éducation pour le Développement/PanAfrican Studies and Research Centre in International Relations and Education for Development), Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; Associate Professor of African Studies and of Education, Cornell University. Previous positions include: teaching, research, and administrative positions in several universities in North and Latin America, and Africa and at the Integrated Teacher Education Programme/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ITEP/UNESCO) in Paris, France. Areas of specialization include: political economy of education, educational innovations, distance learning, human resource planning/development, social institutions, governance and gender studies. Has published books and articles on various aspects of African development. Received doctorate in education (comparative sociology and economics) from the University of Chicago.

Lourdes Benería (United States of America) — Professor of City and Regional Planning and Director of Gender and Global Change Programme, Cornell University. Previously taught at several other universities in North America and Spain. Areas of specialization include: labour economics, the dynamics of the global economy, gender and development, urban planning and Latin American studies. Has held several advisory positions in international organizations, including the International Labour Organization (ILO), the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank. Has published books and articles on gender and development, impacts of structural adjustment and globalization, among other areas. Received doctorate in economics from Columbia University.

Albert Binger (Jamaica) — Director of the Centre for Environment and Development, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and Chair of Global Environment Division of Rockefeller Foundation, New York. Expert in the field of energy and environment, with particular focus on renewable energy sources. Other areas of interest include sustainable development and global environmental protection. Previous positions include: President of the Biomass Users Network in Costa Rica, Fellow of the International Institute for Environment and Development and Director of the Agricultural Development Programme of the Jamaican Government. Received doctorate in agronomy from the University of Georgia, United States.

Olav Bjerkholt (Norway) — Professor of Economics, University of Oslo. Previous positions include: head of research department at the Norwegian Statistical Office, Assistant Professor of Energy Economics at the University of Oslo and Visiting Scholar in the Department of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Has conducted several consultancies on fiscal policy, macroeconomic planning methods and environmental statistics for several international organizations, including the United Nations and the International Monetary Fund.

Has published books and articles in the areas of econometrics, energy economics and the peace dividend, among others.

Eugenio B. Figueroa (Chile) — Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics (CENRE), University of Chile; Adjunct Professor, University of Alberta, Canada; Academic Director of the Master's Degree, Programme in Economics and Management, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL University), Ecuador. Previous positions include: Vice-President Planning and Development, University of Chile; Director of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Programme at the National University of Tucumán, Argentina; and visiting professor in several South American, European and Asian countries. Currently member of several editorial boards. Has published books and articles in the areas of natural resources, sustainable development and globalization, rural development, and international economics, among others. Received doctorate in agricultural and resource economics from the University of Maryland.

Shangquan Gao (China) — Professor of Economics at Beijing University and Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Dean of the School of Management of Zheijang University. Member of the Ninth Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference. Currently also President of the China Society for Economic Restructuring, the China Research Society for Enterprises' Reform and Development, and the China Institute for Reform and Development. Other positions include: Chair of the China Reform Foundation and Senior Visiting Research Fellow at the World Bank. Has published books and articles on China's economic reform and agricultural modernization, among other topics.

Leonid M. Grigoriev (Russian Federation) — Director-General, Bureau of Economic Analysis, and Associate Professor of Economics, Moscow State University. Previous positions include: Deputy Minister of Economic and Finance, Adviser to the Executive Director for the Russian Federation at the World Bank and member of various commissions on economic reform. Research interests include: economic restructuring, transition to market economy, privatization, foreign investment and financial markets. Has published books and articles on the economic transformation of the Russian Federation, with emphasis on foreign investment, capital markets and privatization. Received doctorate in economics from Moscow State University.

Patrick Guillaumont (France) — Chairman of the Centre for Study and Research for International Development and Professor, University of Clermont-Ferrand. Director of the *Revue d'Économie du Développement*, member of several national and international advisory bodies on African and other development issues, notably on the least developed countries. Previous positions include: member of the National Science Research Council, Chairman of the Commission for the Study of Research and Teaching of International Development, Dean of the Faculty of Economics, University of Clerment-Ferrand, Professor at the University of Dakar, and consultant to various international organizations and Governments. Has published books and articles on economic development. Received doctorate degree from the University of Paris.

Ryokichi Hirono (Japan) — Professor of Economics, Teikyo University, and Professor Emeritus of Economics and Business, Seikei University. Currently also holds visiting professorships at the Graduate Institute of Policies Studies in Tokyo

and at the Institute of Economics and Finance in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Previously taught at academic institutions in Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and several developing countries. Former UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of Programme Policy and Evaluation. Research interests include: the process of economic reform in the socialist and formerly socialist countries in Asia. Has published books and articles in the area of development economics.

Louka T. Katseli (Greece) — Professor of Economics, University of Athens, and Research Fellow, Centre of Economic Policy Research Foundation. Previous positions include: Associate Professor at Yale University and Director-General of the Greek Government's Centre of Planning and Economic Research. Received professional education in the United States. Research interests include: exchange-rate policies in developing countries, transmission of external price shocks in small open economies, macroeconomic policy and structural adjustment. Has published books and articles on economics and finance.

Marju Lauristin (Estonia) — Professor of Media and Communication, University of Tartu, and Member of the Estonian Parliament. Currently also a member of the European Institute for Social Security, the European Sociological Association and the International Sociological Association. Previous positions include: Estonian Minister of Social Affairs, and Professor of Social Policy, Acting Dean of the Social Sciences Faculty and Head of the Department of Journalism at the University of Tartu. Has published books on health-care reform, social safety nets and the role of the media in social change. Received doctorate in journalism from Moscow University.

Mona Makran-Ebeid (Egypt) — Professor of Political Science and Political Sociology at the American University in Cairo and President of the Association for the Advancement of Education. Currently also a member of the International Consultative Group for the Middle East at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., and member of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Women for Development Committee. Previous positions include: Deputy of the Egyptian Parliament, Professor of Sociology at the American University in Cairo and member of the World Bank's Council of Advisers for the Middle East and North Africa Region. Has published articles in the areas of political reform, democratization and human development.

P. Jayendra Nayak (India) — Chairman and Managing Director of Unit Trust of India (UTI) Bank, Mumbai. Previous positions include: Executive Trustee of the Unit Trust of India and Joint Secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs of the Indian Ministry of Finance. In that capacity, participated in the evolution of capital-market policy and the empowerment of the capital-market regulator. Formerly also a member of the Board of Directors of the Securities and Exchange Board of India, responsible for regulation of capital markets. Has published papers in the field of economics, in particular on issues concerning financial markets.

Mari Elka Pangestu (Indonesia) — Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta, and Professor of Economics, University of Indonesia, member of the supervisory board of Catholic University Atmajaya, on the Board of External Editors of several journals, member of advisory board of the Nature Conservancy (Indonesia) and Board of Directors of the Overseas Development Council, and the Newmarket Company (Washington, D.C.). Active as Coordinator

of the Trade Policy Forum of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council. Has published articles in international and Indonesian journals.

Milivoje Panić (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) — Fellow of Selwyn College, University of Cambridge, and Visiting Professor of International Economics, University of Milan. Previous positions include: Under-Secretary in the United Kingdom Government Economic Service and Head of the External Policy Division at the Bank of England. Served on two recent Working Parties of the British Parliament: on Britain and the Single Currency and on Social Policy in the European Union. Has also sat on a number of international committees of experts, including the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Bank for International Settlements and the Economic Commission for Europe. Has published books and articles on international economics, economic policy under different conditions and stages of development, and industrial economics. Received doctorate from Cambridge University.

Eul Yong Park (Republic of Korea) — Professor of Economics and Management, Dean of Graduate School of Global Management and Director of the Centre for International Development, Handong University. Former positions include: Vice-President of Handong University, Director of the Korea Development Institute, coordinator of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation and Senior Adviser to the United Nations Development Programme. Has held various positions as adviser and educator in the Republic of Korea and the United States. Has published books and articles in the areas of political economy, development studies and international affairs, among others. Received doctorate in economics from Harvard University.

Suchitra Punyaratabundhu (Thailand) — Director of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme in Development Administration, National Institute of Public Administration, Bangkok, and Adviser to the President, National Institute of Development Administration. Previous positions include: member of several national committees on public administration, industrial organization and structural adjustment. Research interests include: organization theory, research methodology, management information systems and programme evaluation. Has published books and articles in the areas of public administration and finance. Received doctorate in political science, University of California, Berkeley.

Delphin G. Rwegasira (United Republic of Tanzania) — Executive Director of the African Economic Research Consortium in Nairobi, Kenya. Served in recent years in the African Development Bank as Senior Adviser to the President, and Director of Research and Policy. Previously also held appointments at the University of Dar es Salaam, the Central Bank of the United Republic of Tanzania and the International Monetary Fund. Has published articles on development and monetary economics and contributed to the work of a number of international expert and policy groups. Received doctorate in economics from Harvard University.

Sylvia Saborío (Costa Rica) — Development Consultant and Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. Previous positions include: Senior Fellow and Director of the Overseas Development Council's Globalization and International Trade Programs, Costa Rica's Representative to the Board of Executive Directors at the Inter-American Development Bank, the Inter-American Finance Corporation and the Multilateral Investment Fund, Senior Adviser to the Government of Costa Rica, Associate Professor at the University of Costa Rica, Consultant to the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)/Costa Rica and Minister

Counsellor for Finance at the Costa Rican Embassy in Washington, D.C. Has published articles on trade, development and finance.

Nasser Hassan Saidi (Lebanon) — First Vice-Governor of Banque du Liban. Previous positions include: Lebanese Minister of Economy and Trade, and Minister of Industry, economics lecturer at the American University of Beirut, Director of the Lebanese Private Bank and Trust Company, Professor of Economics at the University of Geneva, Professor of Macroeconomics at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva and president of several commissions in charge of regulation and development of financial markets in Lebanon. Has published books and articles on various economic and financial issues. Received doctorate in economics from the University of Rochester, United States.

Udo Ernst Simonis (Germany) — Distinguished Research Professor at the Berlin Science Centre. Previous positions include: Professor of Economics, Technical University of Berlin, and Director of the International Institute for Environment and Society. Research interests include: environmental perspectives of freshwater resources, environment in the international development strategy, and environment and poverty. Author of books and articles in the areas of environmental economics and sustainable development. Editor of the German Ecology Yearbook and member of several editorial boards of international journals. President of the World Society for Ekistics, Athens, Greece. Received doctorate in economics from the University of Kiel, Germany.

Ruben Tansini (Uruguay) — Director of the Department of Economics and Professor of Industrial Organization and Microeconomics, Department of Economics, University of Uruguay. Previously taught at universities in Barcelona, Gothenburg, Madrid and Siena. Has held various advisory positions on Latin American development, education and science. Research interests focus on agricultural and industrial organization and technological development, with particular emphasis on development issues in Latin America. Has published studies on technological progress and transfer of technology in an open-economy setting, labour markets, industrial restructuring and agricultural modernization.

Funmi Togonu-Bickersteth (Nigeria) — Acting Head of Department of Psychology, Obafemi Awolo University, Nigeria, with a focus on research methodology, human resources development and old age issues. Previous positions include: Associate Professor of the Department of Sociology of Delaware State College, United States, and national UNDP/ILO project manager on rehabilitation of disabled people, including the provision of technical advice to government agencies and non-governmental organizations. Has published books and articles on different aspects of social welfare. Received doctorate in social work from Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania.

Dorothéa Werneck (Brazil) — Executive Director of the Brazilian Export Promotion Agency, Vice-President of the Brazilian Export Association and Counsellor of the Nature Conservancy. Previous positions include: Minister of Labour, Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism, Deputy Finance Minister, and Professor of Economics at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. Former Assistant to the General Secretary of the Latin American Integration Association. Has also held several private sector positions, including: president of a bank and director of a leading auditing and consultancy company. Received doctorate in economics from Boston College, United States.

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Elections and nominations

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Note by the Secretary-General

I. Background

1. By resolution 1999/65 of 26 October 1999, concerning the reconfiguration of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods into a Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, the Economic and Social Council invited Member States interested in participating in the Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS Subcommittee) to apply at the latest by the end of 2000 so that the composition of the Subcommittee and of the reconfigured Committee might be decided at the organizational session for 2001 of the Economic and Social Council.

2. Subsequently, a letter was sent on 17 July 2000 by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs to all Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations in New York, requesting applications to be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission of Europe (ECE) not later than 31 December 2000, since ECE assumes the responsibility of the secretariat of the reconfigured Committee and of its two subcommittees.

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II. GHS Subcommittee

3. The following Member States have applied for membership in the GHS Subcommittee: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America.

4. The original proposal made to the Council for creation of the GHS Subcommittee was that it should have as wide a participation and membership as practically possible.[1]

5. Since the number of applicant States to the GHS Subcommittee is not unreasonably high and may be considered "practicable", in view of the resources agreed by the General Assembly for the reconfiguration,[2] the Secretary-General recommends that all above-mentioned applicant States be granted full membership in the GHS Subcommittee.

III. TDG Subcommittee

6. For the Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (TDG Subcommittee), the present membership is as follows: Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

7. Applications for full membership in this Subcommittee have been received from Austria, Finland and Iran (Islamic Republic of). The Secretary-General is pleased to approve these applications and, in accordance with established practice, requests the Council's endorsement of that decision.

IV. Reconfigured Committee

8. For the reconfigured Committee, the original proposal provided for as large a membership as practicable to be drawn from the representation in the Subcommittees.[3] If all the above applications for membership in the Subcommittees were approved by the Council, States participating in either Subcommittee would be the following: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Qatar, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

9. The Council may wish to approve the membership of the Committee as indicated in paragraph 8 above.

Notes

[1] E/1999/43, para. 21 (d), and E/1999/90, p. 7.

[2] A/54/443/Add.1, and General Assembly resolution 54/250 A of 23 December 1999.

[3] E/1999/90, p. 7.

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Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

Note by the Secretary-General

Corrigendum

Paragraph 3

Insert "Japan" into the list of Member States that have applied for membership in the GHS Subcommittee.

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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Basic programme of work of the Council

Draft proposals submitted by the President and members of the Bureau on the basis of informal consultations held pursuant to paragraph 2 (l) of Council decision 1988/77

Draft decision I
Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council, having considered the proposed programme of work for 2001 and 2002, approves the provisional agenda for its substantive session of 2001 as contained in document E/2001/1.

Draft decision II
Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2002

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work for 2002 as contained in document E/2001/1.

Draft decision III
Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that:

(a) The high-level segment of its substantive session of 2001 should be held from _____ to _____;

(b) The operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2001 should be held from _____ to _____;

(c) The coordination segment of its substantive session of 2001 should be held from _____ to _____;

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(d) The humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2001 should be held from _____ to _____;

(e) The general segment of its substantive session of 2001 should be held from _____ to _____.

Draft decision IV
Theme for the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the theme for the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2001 should be: [**Triennial policy review**]

Draft decision V
Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2001 should be: _____

Draft decision VI
Theme for the item on regional cooperation at the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council

The Economic and Social Council decides that the theme for the item on regional cooperation at its substantive session of 2001 should be: _____

Draft decision VII
Date of the high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions

The Economic and Social Council decides that its high-level meeting with representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions shall be held at Headquarters on 1 May 2001.

Draft decision VIII
Tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

The Economic and Social Council decides to approve the holding of the tenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts in Geneva from 10 to 14 September 2001 instead of 23 to 27 April 2001 in New York as previously decided in Council decision 2000/232.

Draft decision IX
Fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Economic and Social Council decides to approve the holding of the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in Geneva from 28 May to 1 June 2001 instead of 21 to 25 May 2001 as previously decided in Council decision 2000/204.